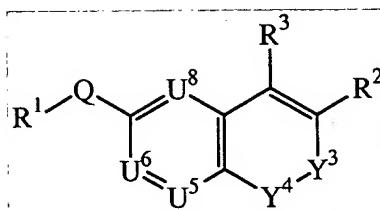


CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A compound of Formula I



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

R¹ is independently selected from:

- 10 C₅ or C₆ cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 Substituted C₅ or C₆ cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 C₈-C₁₀ bicycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 Substituted C₈-C₁₀ bicycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 15 Substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 Phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 Substituted phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 20 Naphthyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 Substituted naphthyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 25 Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
 Phenyl;
 Substituted phenyl;
 Naphthyl;

Substituted naphthyl;
5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;
Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;
8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl; and
5 Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl;

R^2 is independently selected from:

- H;
 C_1-C_6 alkyl;
Phenyl- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
10 Substituted phenyl- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Naphthyl- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Substituted naphthyl- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
5- or 6-membered heteroaryl- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
15 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Phenyl-O- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Substituted phenyl-O- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Phenyl-S- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
20 Substituted phenyl-S- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Phenyl-S(O)- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Substituted phenyl-S(O)- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
Phenyl-S(O)₂- (C_1-C_8) alkylene; and
Substituted phenyl-S(O)₂- (C_1-C_8) alkylene;
25 Each substituted R^1 and R^2 group contains from 1 to 4 substituents, each
independently on a carbon or nitrogen atom, independently selected from:
 C_1-C_6 alkyl;
CN;
CF₃;
30 HO;
 (C_1-C_6) alkyl-O;

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-S(O)₂;

H₂N;

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-N(H);

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂-N;

5 (C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)O-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl)_m;

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)O-(1- to 8-membered heteroalkylenyl)_m;

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)N(H)-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl)_m;

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)N(H)-(1- to 8-membered heteroalkylenyl)_m;

H₂NS(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);

10 (C₁-C₆ alkyl)-N(H)S(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl)_m;

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂-NS(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl)_m;

3- to 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(G)_m;

Substituted 3- to 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(G)_m;

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(G)_m;

15 Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(G)_m;

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-S(O)₂-N(H)-C(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl)_m; and

(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)-N(H)-S(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl)_m;

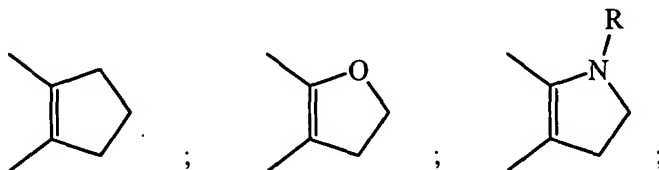
wherein each substituent on a carbon atom may further be independently selected from:

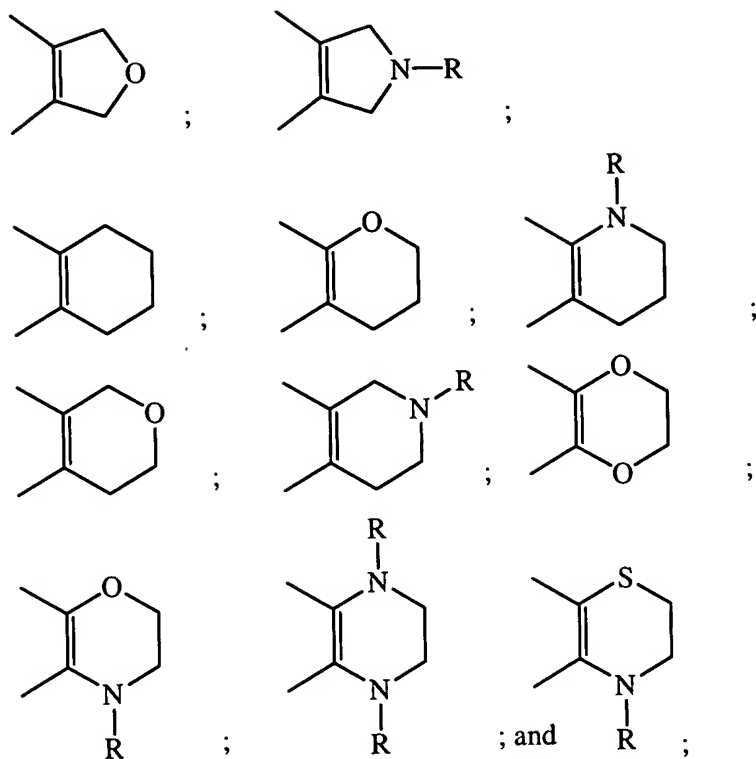
20 Halo; and

HO₂C;

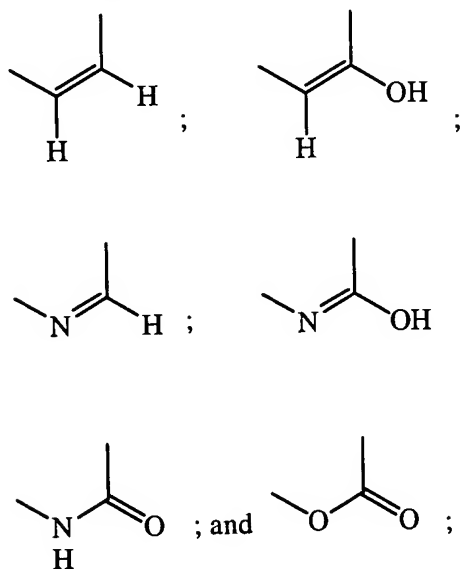
wherein 2 substituents may be taken together with a carbon atom to which they are both bonded to form the group C(=O);

wherein two adjacent, substantially sp² carbon atoms may be taken together with a
25 diradical substituent to form a cyclic diradical selected from:





- 5 R is H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;
 G is CH₂; O, S, S(O); or S(O)₂;
 m is an integer of 0 or 1;
 Y³ and Y⁴ are taken together to form a diradical group selected from:



- 10 R³ is H or HO;
 U⁵, U⁶, and U⁸ are each C(H); or

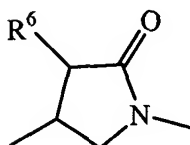
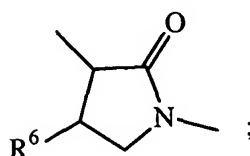
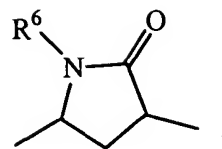
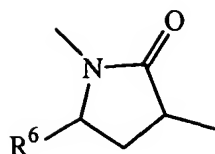
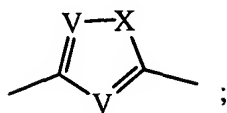
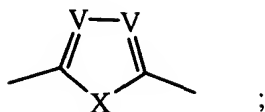
One of U^5 , U^6 , and U^8 is C- R^4 or N and the other two of U^5 , U^6 , and U^8 are each C(H);

R^4 is independently selected from the groups:

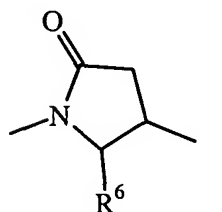
- 5 H;
 F;
 Cl;
 CH₃;
 CH₃O;
 CH=CH₂;
10 HO;
 CF₃; and
 CN;

Q is selected from:

- 15 OC(O);
 CH(R^6)C(O);
 OC(N R^6);
 CH(R^6)C(N R^6);
 N(R^6)C(O);
 N(R^6)C(S);
20 N(R^6)C(N R^6);
 N(R^6)CH₂;
 SC(O);
 CH(R^6)C(S);
 SC(N R^6);
25 trans-(H)C=C(H);
 cis-(H)C=C(H);
 C≡C;
 CH₂C≡C;
 C≡CCH₂;
30 CF₂C≡C; and



; and



Each R^6 independently is H, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_6$ cycloalkyl; 3- to 6-membered

5 heterocycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; or 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;

X is O, S, N(H), or N($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl);

Each V is independently C(H) or N;

wherein each $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{10}$ bicycloalkyl is a bicyclic carbocyclic ring that contains 8-,

9-, or 10-member carbon atoms which are 5,5-fused, 6,5-fused, or 6,6-fused

10 bicyclic rings, respectively, and wherein the ring is saturated or optionally contains one carbon-carbon double bond;

wherein each 8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl is a bicyclic ring that

contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 2 O, 1 S, 1 S(O), 1 S(O)₂, 1 N, 4 N(H), and 4 N($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl), and wherein when

15 two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are present, the two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are not bonded to each other, and wherein the ring is saturated or optionally contains one carbon-carbon or carbon-nitrogen double bond, and wherein the heterobicycloalkyl is a 5,5-fused, 6,5-fused, or 6,6-fused bicyclic ring, respectively,

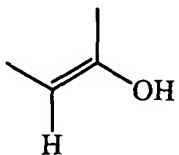
20 wherein each heterocycloalkyl is a ring that contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 2 O, 1 S, 1 S(O), 1 S(O)₂, 1 N, 4 N(H), and 4 N($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl), and wherein when two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are present, the two O atoms or one O atom and one

S atom are not bonded to each other, and wherein the ring is saturated or optionally contains one carbon-carbon or carbon-nitrogen double bond; wherein each 5-membered heteroaryl contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 1 O, 1 S, 1 N(H), 1 N(C₁-C₆ alkyl), and 4 N, and each 6-membered heteroaryl contains carbon atoms and 1 or 2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, N(H), and N(C₁-C₆ alkyl), and 5- and 6-membered heteroaryl are monocyclic rings; wherein each heterobiaryl contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 1 O, 1 S, 1 N(H), 1 N(C₁-C₆ alkyl), and 4 N, and where the 8-, 9-, and 10-membered heterobiaryl are 5,5-fused, 6,5-fused, and 6,6-fused bicyclic rings, respectively, and wherein at least 1 of the 2 fused rings of a bicyclic ring is aromatic, and wherein when the O and S atoms both are present, the O and S atoms are not bonded to each other; wherein with any (C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂-N group, the C₁-C₆ alkyl groups may be optionally taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form a 5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl; and wherein each group and each substituent recited above is independently selected.

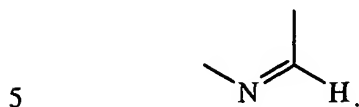
2. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Q is N(R⁶)C(O).

3. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Q is C≡C.

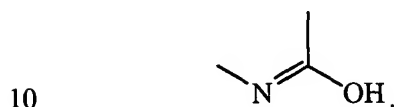
4. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Y³ and Y⁴ are taken together to form a diradical group selected from:



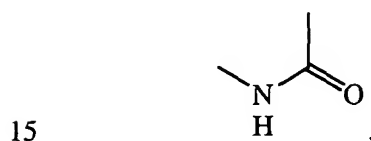
5. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Y³ and Y⁴ are taken together to form a diradical group selected from:



6. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Y³ and Y⁴ are taken together to form a diradical group selected from:



7. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Y³ and Y⁴ are taken together to form a diradical group selected from:



8. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R³ is OH.

20 9. The compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R³ is H.

25 10. The compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 9, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R¹ is independently selected from:

Phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);

Substituted phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene); and

5 Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene); and

R² is independently selected from:

Phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;

Substituted phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;

5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;

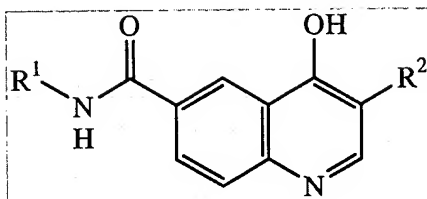
10 Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;

8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m; and

Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;

wherein m is an integer of 0 or 1; and

15 11. A compound of Formula XIV



XIV

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein:

R¹ is independently selected from:

20 C₅ or C₆ cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

Substituted C₅ or C₆ cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

C₈-C₁₀ bicycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

Substituted C₈-C₁₀ bicycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

25 Substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

- Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Substituted phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Naphthyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
- 5 Substituted naphthyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
- 10 Phenyl;
Substituted phenyl;
Naphthyl;
Substituted naphthyl;
5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;
- 15 Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl;
8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl; and
Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl;
- R² is independently selected from:
- 20 H;
C₁-C₆ alkyl;
Phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Substituted phenyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Naphthyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Substituted naphthyl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
- 25 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Substituted 8- to 10-membered heterobiaryl-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
Phenyl-O-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);
- 30 Substituted phenyl-O-(C₁-C₈ alkylenyl);

Phenyl-S-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);
Substituted phenyl-S-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);
Phenyl-S(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);
Substituted phenyl-S(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);
5 Phenyl-S(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylene); and
Substituted phenyl-S(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);

Each substituted R¹ and R² group contains from 1 to 4 substituents, each independently on a carbon or nitrogen atom, independently selected from:

- 10 C₁-C₆ alkyl;
CN;
CF₃;
HO;
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-O;
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-S(O)₂;
15 H₂N;
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-N(H);
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂-N;
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)O-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)O-(1- to 8-membered heteroalkylene)_m;
20 (C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)N(H)-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)N(H)-(1- to 8-membered heteroalkylene)_m;
H₂NS(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylene);
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-N(H)S(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂-NS(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;
25 3- to 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(G)_m;
Substituted 3- to 6-membered heterocycloalkyl-(G)_m;
5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(G)_m;
Substituted 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl-(G)_m;
(C₁-C₆ alkyl)-S(O)₂-N(H)-C(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m; and
30 (C₁-C₆ alkyl)-C(O)-N(H)-S(O)₂-(C₁-C₈ alkylene)_m;

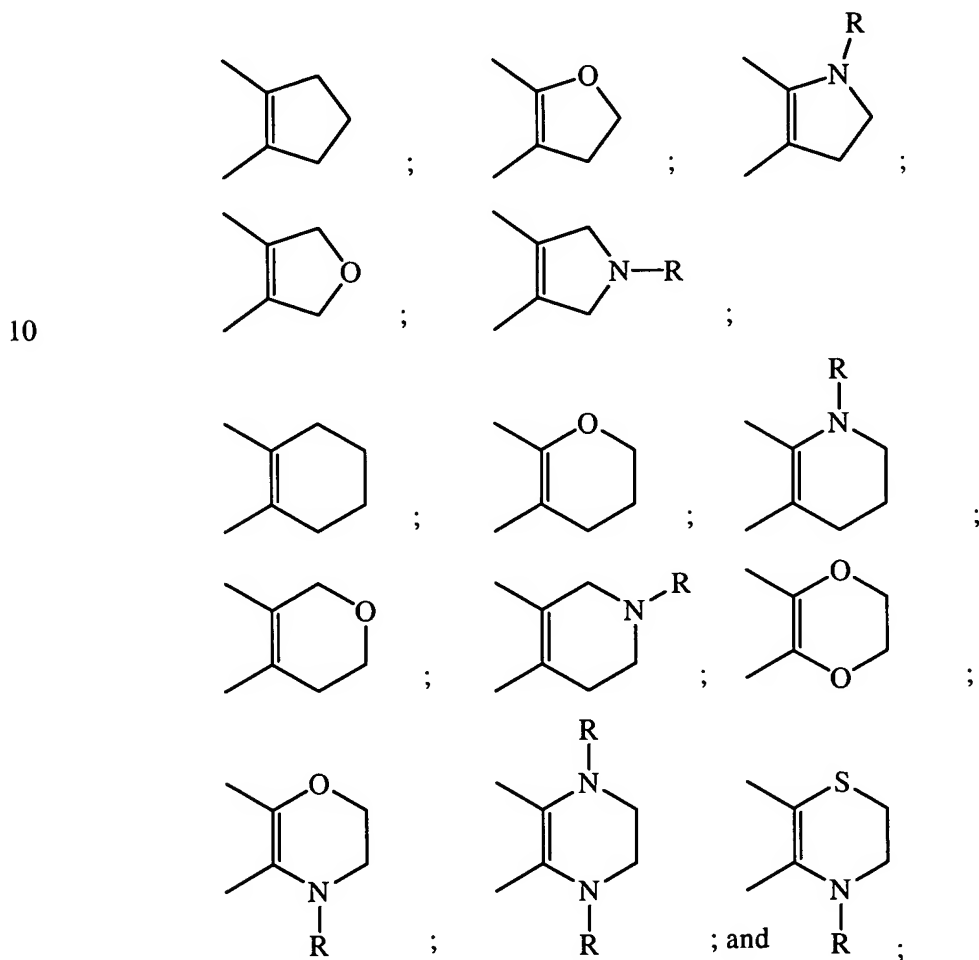
wherein each substituent on a carbon atom may further be independently selected from:

Halo; and

HO₂C;

- 5 wherein 2 substituents may be taken together with a carbon atom to which they are both bonded to form the group C(=O);

wherein two adjacent, substantially sp² carbon atoms may be taken together with a diradical substituent to form a cyclic diradical selected from:



R is H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

G is CH₂; O, S, S(O); or S(O)₂;

m is an integer of 0 or 1;

wherein each C₈-C₁₀ bicycloalkyl is a bicyclic carbocyclic ring that contains 8-,

9-, or 10-member carbon atoms which are 5,5-fused, 6,5-fused, or 6,6-

fused bicyclic rings, respectively, and wherein the ring is saturated or optionally contains one carbon-carbon double bond;

wherein each 8- to 10-membered heterobicycloalkyl is a bicyclic ring that

contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms independently selected from 2 O, 1 S, 1 S(O), 1 S(O)₂, 1 N, 4 N(H), and 4 N(C₁-C₆ alkyl), and

wherein when two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are present, the two O atoms or one O atom and one S atom are not bonded to each other,

and wherein the ring is saturated or optionally contains one carbon-carbon or carbon-nitrogen double bond, and wherein the heterobicycloalkyl is a

5,5-fused, 6,5-fused, or 6,6-fused bicyclic ring, respectively,

wherein each heterocycloalkyl is a ring that contains carbon atoms and from 1 to

4 heteroatoms independently selected from 2 O, 1 S, 1 S(O), 1 S(O)₂, 1 N,

4 N(H), and 4 N(C₁-C₆ alkyl), and wherein when two O atoms or one O

atom and one S atom are present, the two O atoms or one O atom and one

S atom are not bonded to each other, and wherein the ring is saturated or

optionally contains one carbon-carbon or carbon-nitrogen double bond;

wherein each 5-membered heteroaryl contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4

heteroatoms independently selected from 1 O, 1 S, 1 N(H), 1 N(C₁-C₆

alkyl), and 4 N, and each 6-membered heteroaryl contains carbon atoms

and 1 or 2 heteroatoms independently selected from N, N(H), and N(C₁-

C₆ alkyl), and 5- and 6-membered heteroaryl are monocyclic rings;

wherein each heterobiaryl contains carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 heteroatoms

independently selected from 1 O, 1 S, 1 N(H), 1 N(C₁-C₆ alkyl), and 4 N,

and where the 8-, 9-, and 10-membered heterobiaryl are 5,5-fused, 6,5-

fused, and 6,6-fused bicyclic rings, respectively, and wherein at least 1 of

the 2 fused rings of a bicyclic ring is aromatic, and wherein when the O

and S atoms both are present, the O and S atoms are not bonded to each

other;

wherein with any (C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂-N group, the C₁-C₆ alkyl groups may be

optionally taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached

to form a 5- or 6-membered heterocycloalkyl; and

wherein each group and each substituent recited above is independently selected.

12. The compound according to Claim 11, selected from:

- 4-(6-Benzylcarbamoyl-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl)-benzoic acid;
- 5 4-[4-Hydroxy-6-(4-methoxy-benzylcarbamoyl)-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 4-[4-Hydroxy-6-(3-methoxy-benzylcarbamoyl)-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 10 4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(2-methoxy-pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;
- 4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(pyridin-4-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;
- 4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;
- 15 4-[6-(4-Cyano-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 4-[4-Hydroxy-6-(4-methyl-benzylcarbamoyl)-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 4-[4-Hydroxy-6-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzylcarbamoyl)-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 20 4-[6-(4-Fluoro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 4-[6-(4-Chloro-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 25 4-[6-(4-Bromo-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 4-[4-Hydroxy-6-(4-iodo-benzylcarbamoyl)-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 4-[4-Hydroxy-6-(4-methanesulfonyl-benzylcarbamoyl)-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;
- 30 4-[4-Hydroxy-6-(4-sulfo-benzylcarbamoyl)-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;

4-[4-Hydroxy-6-(4-sulfamoyl-benzylcarbamoyl)-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;

4-[6-(4-Dimethylsulfamoyl-benzylcarbamoyl)-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl]-benzoic acid;

5 4-{6-[4-(Aziridine-1-sulfonyl)-benzylcarbamoyl]-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. The compound according to Claim 11, selected from:

10 4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(piperidin-1-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(4-methyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

15 4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(pyrrol-1-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

20 4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(1,2,4)triazol-4-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(tetrazol-1-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

25 4-{6-[(2,3-Dihydro-benzo[b]furan-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{6-[(2,3-Dihydro-benzo[b]thiophen-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

30 4-{6-[(2,3-Dihydro-1H-indol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{4-Hydroxy-6-[(1H-indol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{6-[(Benzo[b]thiophen-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

4-{6-[(Benzofuran-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid; and

5 4-{6-[(Benzooxazol-5-ylmethyl)-carbamoyl]-4-hydroxy-quinolin-3-ylmethyl}-benzoic acid;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, admixed with a
10 pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, or diluent.

15. The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 14, comprising a compound according to Claim 12 or 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient, or diluent.

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16. A method for treating osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient suffering from osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis a nontoxic effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20 17. The method according to Claim 16, wherein the compound administered is a compound according to Claim 12 or 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.